

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

09/07/22

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF

Proposed agenda:

- Oct. 8th SET prep./discussion
- Review of patch box parts list and proposed budget request at member meeting
- Oct. 15 STEM event (San Jose)? Probably too far, any interest?
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

Fall SET

- The date chosen for the fall SET is Oct. 8.
- We hope to be able to use EC City Hall EOC. The coax cable that was reported as needing repair on a previous SET has been replaced.
- The SET could be a good opportunity to make contact with the new fire chief.
- A second operator and a scribe would help operations at the EOC work more smoothly.
- An actual exercise with EOC emergency personnel has never been tried. Would they have time for messages we would pass to them?
- We are seeking ideas to encourage more KE members to participate in a SET.

Antenna/patchbox installation

- In the continuing attempt to install antennas at clubhouses, a suggestion was made to set one day to install one antenna and patchbox at one location and ask for volunteers

to help.

- The antenna installation day will have to be coordinated with EC Parks and Recreation and Public Works as they would be doing the actual work on the clubhouse roof.
- In El Cerrito, Canyon Trail and Castro Parks would be the most advantageous locations. In Kensington, the KCC has an antenna installed but needs a patchbox. Other Kensington locations are to be determined.
- It is questionable whether a police or fire station would be an advantageous location for an antenna because we do not know who would be there in an emergency situation. The best locations would be where neighbors might gather.

Math/Science event

- Howdy KE6BEE received an email which was probably sent to many clubs describing a math/science event on Oct. 15 in San Jose with an invitation to participate. We don't know if that means in person at a table or remotely via radio.
- Given the amount of time it takes to drive to San Jose, an in person presence would be inconvenient. If they are instead thinking of radio participation, that could be possible.
- Frans KJ6IUV will follow up for more information and it will be brought up at the membership meeting.

FRS/GMRS participation for SET

- FRS and GMRS neighborhood network participation is encouraged for the SET but often there are not enough neighborhood network members yet to make it workable.

In-person digital mode workshop

- We will ask at the membership meeting whether any members would be interested in a digital mode workshop.